



Bonaire Tourism Authority announces a busy schedule of exciting events

Ronella Croes, General Manager of the Tourist Corporation Bonaire (TCB,) returned to her native Aruba this week to present an exciting calendar of events that the neighboring island has planned over the next six months.

The first of these will be the annual Rincon Festival taking place over the long weekend of Queen's Birthday and International Labor Day at the end of April. Minor events will be taking place earlier in the month, with youth and adult singing festivals, leading up to the final three-day event.

According to the Rincon website www.infobonaire.com/rincon, "The Spanish established the settlement of Rincon in the 16th century. They felt it was a protected area, safe from attack from the sea, and its inland location in a sheltered valley was reminiscent of home. The Rincon of today is still a quiet, tranquil village where the history and culture of its people are reflected in their faces."

The coming festival, which takes place from Friday April 27 through Tuesday, May 1, will include various festivities, criollo cuisine, parades, dancing and singing exhibitions, and parties for the public.

The ABC islands consist of Aruba, Bonaire, and Curacao, and of the three, Bonaire is best known for its tranquil natural attractions and protection of the environment. Considered a premier destination for divers, events like the Rincon Festival and upcoming Bonaire/Heineken Jazz Festival are revealing Bonaire to offer a more than just a "restful" getaway for Arubans during the coming holidays. For more information about "Dia di Rincon" and Bonaire, check their website www.infobonaire.com, or call their offices at telephone # (599) 717-8322.